

Correspondence.

From Ainger, Williams County, Ohio.

We have been waiting patiently to see something in the EVANGELIST from the Silver Creek church, but as the brethren, who are older and more capable than I am, have been, and are continuing to neglect writing to your paper, and being desirous that the brotherhood should know that there is in existence such a place as Silver Creek church, and that we are trying in our weakness to serve our Master, I shall endeavor to write a few words.

Brother David Rittenhouse is under medical treatment at present. He has been so ill as to disappoint some of his congregations, but we are glad to know that he is convalescing, and hope that he will soon be able to be with us again.

We are sorry that the financial condition of the EVANGELIST is not the best; also that our church has not subscribed more generally for it. Though we think we are excusable from the fact that a great many of us are not blessed with an excess of this world's goods, and that we are now laboring under the effects of having built a new church house.

There are about seventy-five members in this church. Sabbath school has been continued at the new church house during the winter, with an attendance of about thirty-five. You will notice that our numbers are small, both as to membership and attendance at Sabbath school, but we are glad to know that God does not regard numbers, but that He takes into consideration the condition of the heart. If we then allow the streams of purity to flow through the veins of our inner man; if we place ourselves in that position where the breezes of God's love and mercy may fairly strike us; if we elevate the level of our minds above the things which are low and groveling in their nature; if we get our hearts in such a condition that we can love our enemies, and pray for those that despitefully use us and persecute us; if we can rejoice when men say all manner of evil against us falsely, for Christ's sake; if we are willing to obey all the mandates of Jehovah, then when we unite to worship God, whether we be two or three or more, He will smile upon us. Who can wish for more encouragement than the smile of an approving God? He will then crown our efforts which we put forth for the promotion of His cause, with success, and more than this, when we have met for the last time, when we have prayed and sung together for the last time on earth, and it is ours to quit the borders of time; when we have entered the Jordan of death, we shall be rowed across by that loving Hand, landed safe on that other shore, there to sing songs of praise with that happy throng, to Almighty God for ever and ever.

ALBERT COLLINS.

Ainger, Ohio, March 22.

From Hudson, Iowa.

To-day, March 23, at eleven a. m., brother J. H. Worst preached his farewell sermon to an attentive congregation in the Brethren's meeting house in Hudson, Iowa. His main theme was how to "Endure hardness as a good soldier of Jesus Christ." He gave us several illustrations in order to show how the children of God must endure hardness. These illustrations were good and made good impressions on the audience. Brother Worst is an evangelist in the full sense of the term. He publishes glad tidings of great joy. I wish we had many such men as brother Worst in the field. Three hundred such ministers would put ten thousand aliens to flight. During the greater part of brother Worst's stay with us, the weather was very disagreeable, so much so we could not attend all his appointments. The waters became high; old Black Hawk creek overflowed its banks, and mud became deep. Notwithstanding rain, high water, and dark nights, people turned out well. The time came when we had to say to brother Worst and his noble wife and little children, "farewell." Farewell! God bless you; success attend your pathway. Brother Worst has many friends in this vicinity. So also has brother Swihart. Brethren come again, do.

Brother J. C. Ewing was with us for several days, introducing the BRETHREN'S HYMNODY. His labors were a success. We have adopted the Hymnody as our singing book in the Hudson meeting house. Brother Ewing made many friends during his stay with us. I hope that all the churches of the Brethren will adopt the Hymnody as their hymn book. Singing is an ordinance of divine worship, in which we express our joy in God, and gratitude for his mercies. It was a part of the worship practiced by the people of God under the Gospel dispensation. It is enjoined in Col. 3: 16, Eph. 5: 19.

JNO. NICHOLSON.

Hudson, Iowa.

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College Notes.

It is vacation now and the College halls seem like "banquet halls deserted," but ere this comes to the eyes of the reader they will be full of life again.

It is too early yet to indulge in predictions as to the spring term but the prospects for a full attendance are much better than they were last year, the enrollment however will probably be a little less than during the last term as is usually the case with our Spring terms.

The final exercises of the Junior Class were listened to by a large and attentive audience on last Thursday evening. The music was excellent and the speakers did their parts well. The programme was as follows:

Music, Overture, arranged from "Nancy Lee," by Prof. R. C. Ward.

Prayer, by Rev. R. G. White.

Music, Les Sirenes Waltz, by the Orchestra.

Oration, Corporate Powers, by U. D. Gnagy.

Oration, The People's Friend, by D. J. Brumbaugh.

Oration, The Public Domain, by D. N. Myers.

Oration, The Revolution of Society, by W. W. Felger.

Music, The College Bell, Quartette, Tenny, by the Lophos Quartette.

Oration, National Banks, by I. W. Thomas.

Oration, The Struggle for Wealth, F. F. Mykrantz.

Oration, The United States Senate, W. C. Perry.

Music, Quartette, Rocking on the Billows of the Deep, Herbert, by the Lophos Quartette.

Benediction by Rev. R. G. White.

REPORTER.

Good News from Johnstown, Pa.

DEAR EVANGELIST: As you are interested in church work and love to hear of the prosperity of Zion, I will proceed to tell you of some of God's doings here. On the sixth of March brother R. Z. Replogle, of New Enterprise, Pa., commenced a series of meetings in the church at Johnstown, and continued till the evening of the 24th. Twenty-one sermons were preached in all, and God blessed his labors in the conversion of fourteen precious souls. Thirteen have been baptized and one remains to be baptized on next Sabbath. One sister from the German Baptists was also received into our number during these meetings as also another by letter, thus our number was increased sixteen in all. For this we thank God and take courage.

We think we, as a church, have great reason to rejoice because of God's goodness to us during the last year. It is one year to-day that that committee of German Baptist elders was here and disowned four of us, and one week later six more making in all ten. Since that time fifty have been baptized within the limits of the Johnstown congregation and there are yet three applicants. Numbers came flocking over to us from the German Baptists until to-day we number one hundred and seventy-three. If committee work did the cause no more injury in other places than it did here, it certainly was a blessing to the Brethren Church to have it. It was a real blessing to us; more have been added to the church since, than in the preceding five years. Some of the best young men and young women in the place have joined us, and instead of having a hive full of drones we have those who are willing to work, and with God's blessings upon us in the future as in the past we hope still to prosper.

DANIEL CROFFORD.

Johnstown, Pa., March 27.

From Mexico, Ind.

Brother J. H. Swihart commenced meeting at the Methodist church, Mexico, Miami county, Indiana, on the evening of March 18th. Held meeting each evening, and closed Sunday 23rd. His discourses were excellent although he labored under a very severe cold. We had large congregations and the best of attention. There were no additions; but some expressed the desire to go with us at the next meeting, and several were made to count the cost. We believe if the Brethren would preach here oftener there could soon be a church organized. We are sorry brother Swihart could not have the house any longer at the present, the Methodists having appointed their meeting to begin the evening of the 23rd.

We are the only members residing here; but sister Mattie Davis and sister Emma Aukerman attended the meetings. Brother Swihart is surely laboring earnestly for the Master's cause, and our prayers do follow him. We ask an interest in the prayers of our brethren, and also for our prosperity.

JOHN AND LIBBIE MILLER.

Mexico, Ind.

From Rush Creek, Ohio.

The Brethren of Rush Creek congregation are living in hopes of better times. We met in council on the seventh of March, at our old brother Beery's, for the purpose of considering the propriety of building a church house. We have made full arrangement to go to work at once. That is the fruits of the German Baptist lawsuit. And if the Lord is willing we will have a house, and no one shall be locked out, if they want to worship God the Creator of heaven and earth. The Brethren have had no protracted meeting; but still we have several for baptism in the near future. We have an intelligent young pastor in this church. Other denominations say he can equal any of the ministers in telling the story of the cross, in its purity. That makes us feel good. The harvest is great and we have the best sickle that is on earth; it is the Gospel alone. We have also the man to thrust the sickle. We have the laborers to gather the previous grain, as it falls by that harvester. I saw in some of the numbers that the harvest is great and laborers few. Now brethren this is wrong; the laborers should not be few. We all ought to be laborers. The ministers should not do all. There is work for the laity. It is time we are all at work. The time has been when the preacher had to do all the work in the Dunkard church. Now the time has come that the preacher can't spare the laity. In former years the Brethren used to think all they had to do was to go to church. Now brethren, let us look after our salvation. If we possess one talent let us not bury it in the ground. There are other souls to save, and if our talent will save one soul, Oh, what a step towards heaven. If we are Christians we will let our light shine so that they who are in the dark valley can see.

We have no Sabbath school at present. We will organize in the near future. We have no prayer meeting on account of the weather. We live some distance apart; several miles from the church. Still we ought not to forget, that "where two or three are gathered together in my name, there will I be also."

JOHN KISTLER.

Logan, Ohio.

From Dowagiac, Michigan.

This is to let you all know that the supposed troubles existing in the Newton Grove church, Cassco county, Michigan, which had grown out of the Brethren's loyalty to the Bible in the first part, and the German Baptists, of the second part, pretending to be loyal to annual meeting, (there being no charge brought against us for violating the Bible,) have been settled, according to a petition gotten up and signed by some of the brethren and sisters, after three fruitless efforts to settle it otherwise. The substance of the petition is as follows: "We, the undersigned brethren and sisters, petition elder John Stretch that the Newton Grove church be called together and take the votes; first, all that are in favor of taking the Bible as their only law in religion and church government, signify it by rising." To which about seventeen responded. On the other hand the vote was taken: "All that are in favor of taking the Bible with the decisions of annual meeting manifest it by rising." To which ten responded.

And farther, "That we should settle all of our affairs up in a christian manner, to buy or sell or use the house alternate." Agreed to use it alternate, for the present, and so let us part in peace.

The German Baptists had secured a committee from district meeting of Michigan. Their names were brother Alsbaugh and brother Eleazer Boserman. They treated us as brethren and gentlemen, and after the decision was rendered advised us not to lock each other out of the house, nor to use violence and injure each other, but be kind to each other; which we will try to do. We can say a hearty amen to the same. They stayed over Sunday, and as it was our regular appointment here, by invitation by us, brother Boserman preached for us Sunday morning and Sunday evening. May the good Lord help us to live as we have agreed. The Brethren will number here about 21 or 22. Brethren pray for us.

WALTER CLARK.

Dowagiac, Mich.

Report of Donations.

From the Brethren, up to March the 25th, 1884.

H. R. Holsinger, by BRETHREN'S EVANGELIST, \$2.00; E. L. Yoder \$1; B. F. Swihart \$1; C. and E. Horner \$1; Thomas Shelby \$1; Julia A. Wood \$1; C. W. Crewdman \$1; sister M. J. Frantz \$1; John Moomaw \$1; Richard Arnold \$1. Total: \$11 up to March 25th, 1884. We have taken courage and let the contract of our buildings, believing we will receive the desired aid. W. S. LYON.

From Brother S. W. Wilt.

By desire and request of a number of brethren, I commenced a series of meetings at Baker's Furnace, in Indiana county, Penna., on Thursday evening, March 6th, 1884, and continued until the evening of the 18th inst., when we closed. The closing of our meeting was no doubt, a little premature; but matters over which we had no control forbade its continuance. During our meeting we had the pleasure of receiving five precious souls into christian fellowship by baptism; others were almost persuaded to do likewise. We held our meetings in the Union church at this place, in which our Methodist and Presbyterian brethren worship. One noticeable and commendable feature of our meeting was that the aforementioned brethren came up to the work with us in such a cordial and christian-like manner, that strangers coming in among us would not have known that we were not of the same communion. They sang, prayed, and worked in the interest of the good cause. Our hope is that the blessing of the Lord may attend them through life and crown them in death. Brethren Hildebrand and Goughenour were with us a part of the time. Their help was much appreciated.

With this meeting we close our labors for the present in the field as an evangelist. Have preached since the 27th of October, 1883, up to date, one hundred and fifty times. As an immediate result of our labors, fifty-five additions.

My address from April 1st, will be Berlin, Somerset county, Penna.

S. W. WILT.

Vinc, Pa., March 24.

Intelligent Advice.

March 23.

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Monticello Ind

Mr Editor I got hold of a copy of your paper and i read some of your correspondent letters it made me think that some of your writers dont do nothing but run the other church down I did not think that you would allow such things to be publish in your paper Some of your writers think that the gospel Messenger is a bad paper But i think it is a very good paper And i thing your paper will mak infidel rather than do good If you dont quit runing the other churches down The people wont take your paper But you will say i belong to that church but i dont belong to no church. But I say unty you love your enames, bliss them that hate you and pray for them which dispitefully use you If you will follow the teachen of the bible you will have all you Can do I hope you wont allow no more such writers in your paper. yours Truly

A. Hibner

Correction.

From a conversation with Wm. P. Moomaw, I learn that at the time he wrote his article for the EVANGELIST, headed "Not that Kind," he did not know that a Virginia German Baptist minister had refused to take part in our meetings; and further, that I had been misinformed as to the nature of his private conversations concerning the Brethren; that he never knowingly spoke unkindly of us, but to the contrary. He desires this correction made, which is done cheerfully, as it is not my desire to place any one in a false position before the public.

S. H. BASHOR.

What They Say.

To brother J. H. W.: Keep up those "Flashes." They are brilliant gems, sparkling with truth. An immense amount of darkness still prevails. The masses must be enlightened. They are honest but are led by blind guides. Such *multum in parvo* flashes tend to enlighten. Keep on.

W. J. H. BAUMAN.

Died.

EIKENBERRY—CHARLES H. EIKENBERRY died at the residence of his father, Baltzer Eikenberry, in Liberty township, Henry county, Ind., Tuesday, March 18, at 3 o'clock, P. M.

The announcement of his demise was not a surprise to his many friends, for he had been in declining health for a long time, and those acquainted with his condition have been prepared for some time to hear the sad announcement. CHARLES H. EIKENBERRY was born in Carroll county, Ind., March 16, 1862, making his age 22 years, and 2 days. He identified himself with the German Baptist Church in his youth and has since lived an exemplary Christian life. During the past year his sufferings frequently had been intense, but he bore them all with Christian fortitude and resignation to the will of "Him who doeth all things well." During his illness he was never heard to complain but always manifest a cheerful disposition which evidently showed that he had no fears of death. He was highly esteemed by his friends, who were many, for his sincere love and devotion to his church, for their recognition of his fidelity, his true piety, his contented life, his resignation under his intense suffering, and his kindness and affection for all. We therefore tender our sympathy to his bereaved parents and his dear, lonely brother assuring them that they do not mourn as those who have no hope and that the memory of the just is blessed.

C. M. MILLER.